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Editorial

OUR CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM!

Here's to the Lee Theatre baseball team, our Appomattox, winners of the Virginia Semi-pro Championship tournament, held at Salem. Appomattox defeated Marinsville, bi-state league leaders, in the final tournament game, and came home with a handsome trophy.

The 1940 baseball team is undoubtedly the best to ever represent Appomattox. The team is balanced and plays a brand of ball that would be a credit in any league.

Appomattox is justly proud of its ball team, and the favorable publicity it has brought to the town. The team will be honored at a big Baseball Night dinner tonight by the local Lions Club. At that time the selection of the fans as the team's most valuable player, will be announced. We'd like to put in a vote for each and every member of the squad.

Manager John Curtis Caldwell deserves praise for having assembled such a winning combination of ball players. The team plays its final regular league schedule game here Saturday against: Brookneal. There should be a large turn-out of fans to give a hand to the best semi-pro baseball team in Virginia!

A GOOD BUSINESS TOWN

As the weeks and months go by, we become more and more convinced of the business future of Appomattox. We seem to notice a constant increase in the number of shoppers visiting local stores, and we note with pleasure an accompanying increase in the services our stores render. Our merchants maintain neater stocks, more attractively displayed and more in keeping with the latest merchandising trends than ever before. People come here from great distances to shop. They find that Appomattox is a rapidly expanding business town.

The old slogan, "Trade at home" is meaningless unless backed up by the fact that it is advantageous to patronize local concerns. The home-town merchant must compete with his city and mail-order competitor by offering all the attractions and range of selection his competitor offers. Appomattox merchants are on their toes to do just this. We believe our shoppers come here in such large numbers because they like to trade here, because they find a good market for their produce, because they find a wide range of offerings, plenty of free parking space, movies for amusement, good auto dealers, excellent banking service, because of the presence of a sort of farm headquarters for this section of the state, and the personal acquaintance with clerks and salesmen.

If you haven't already gotten the habit of buying in Appomattox, get it now!

We want you and your friends to find it pleasant and profitable to trade in our town.

SENATOR BYRD'S STAND

Regardless of how the people of Virginia feel about the subject of a military draft, they will certainly laud the efforts of Senator Byrd to cut short the long debate on the issue and reach a vote. National defense should not be left suspended while endless debate goes on. And be it noted that Senator Byrd's appeal for action was immediately fruitful and there will apparently be a vote on this legislation this week.

Senator Byrd has an admirable record on the subject of national defense. He has opposed many spending projects, but has always voted for defense appropriations.

WHAT A TOWN CAN DO

South Boston stands out as an example of what can be done by live-wire civic-minded leaders in a small town. The success of the National Tobacco Festival is amazing. Each year thousands upon thousands of people are drawn to South Boston by the Festival and it pays annual dividends in the development of the business life of that young city. It is apparent that it takes a world of work, planning and initiative to put across such an affair. South Boston owes a debt to the public spirited men who have done this job so well. It is a tribute to what can be done when a town makes up its mind to do things.

Italy warns Egypt against helping British in current war.

Appomattox ball team to play Brookneal here Saturday.

JEFFERSON ON THE DRAFT

The opponents to the draft in the Senate have been making a great effort to show that universal compulsory military training is somehow inconsistent with American democracy and the nation's early traditions. When Senator Burke remarked on Monday, for example, that General Washington had made a proposal for compulsory training in 1783, Senator Wheeler reorted that if George Washington "couldn't put it across," it was because the people wouldn't stand for it," thereby dismissing the subject in a way that gives a wholly erroneous impression of the infant nation's attitude toward military training.

When the Revolutionary War was over and the American people were prepared to fight two military institutions tooth and nail, these being a standing army of professional soldiers and a military aristocracy. They looked upon both as menaces to their liberties, the first as an instrument of despotism with which they had had painful experience under British rule, the second as a caste that might win control of their general government and, through it, impose a hereditary aristocracy on the nation. Every suggestion for a volunteer army, enlisted in peace time for long periods of service, was viewed with sharp suspicion, and these suspicions were warmly expressed by Jefferson and all the liberals of his persuasion; but what they all did want instead was a well-equipped and intensively trained militia, in which every able-bodied man would be compelled by law to undergo periodic training and against such compulsory training there was no popular prejudice at all.

"None but an armed nation can dispense with a standing army," wrote Jefferson in 1803. "To keep ours armed and disciplined is therefore at all times important." Ten years later he wrote: "We must train and classify the whole of our male citizens, and make military instruction a regular part of collegiate education. We can never be safe till this is done." The next year he wrote: "We cannot be defended but by making every citizen a soldier, as the Greeks and Romans who had no standing armies." When writing of the militia it must not be supposed that Jefferson and his contemporaries had in mind a home guard force, at the disposition of local authorities only, for Jefferson again and again deplored suggestions that military service should be limited geographically and that militia units should not be sent out of the country, for the specific reason that such limitations on the national use of the militia would be an argument for a standing professional army.

As early as 1777, when measures were adopted for conscripting men into the army through the militia, the purpose was "For making provision against invasions and insurrections, and laying the burden equally upon all." This was conceived to be the only form of training consistent with democracy, while the recruiting of volunteers into the standing European armies of the time was contemptuously described as the use of hirelings who had been pauperized by oppression. Universal training in peace time was the democratic alternative to militarism in early America, and it continues to be that at this moment. —From The New York Herald-Tribune.

WHAT OF ENGLAND'S CHANCE

Every day people stop us to ask our opinion as to the progress of the war across the ocean and what we think of England's chances. In trying to answer, we always start off by saying that it is hard to know the real truth of what is going on in Europe. The censorship is hard for American people to understand for the simple reason that we have no censorship in this country. Some people are being misled by the news they read from London and Berlin, and others may fail to realize that radio broadcasts from Europe are just as carefully censored as are cabled news dispatches.

However, certain facts are evident as to the trend of the war. The paramount fact at the moment is that the collapse of France and the low Countries was not followed by the collapse of Britain and that each passing day means that much less prospect of invasion of England by landing forces. We believe England is sucering far more from the constant air attacks than she admits, but the fact remains that England continues to fight back and Hitler's generals do not feel that the softening up has been successful enough as yet to warrant invasion.

That fact is most encouraging to those whose sympathies lie with England. But it should not be the cause of over-optimism. Such odds as there are are heavily in favor of Germany and there is no reason at this moment to hope that even if England holds out until spring that she will be able to assume the offensive at that time. Even if the attempt at invasion is postponed until spring, or even were an attempt at invasion made and failed, there is little ground for practical hope that England alone could take the offensive and carry the war on land in Germany and/or Italy. Therefore, our candid belief is that there is scant hope for ultimate defeat of Hitler unless and until new allies appear for England. For that reason, diplomacy is still the biggest single factor in the war, and be it Russia as determining the issue. Were England to so hold out as to stem the stampede to join the Axis band-wagon in Europe, and if Stalin and a combination of the Balkan powers combine against Hitler and Mussolini, the prospects of democratic victory would be good. A winter of famine and suffering is he last thing one could desire in Europe, yet a ride of the Black Horsemen might bring about a revolution in Central Europe and some of the countries now occupied by Germany. And if a revolution developed in Europe next spring, many believe that that would be the cue for Stalin to step in and break the German grip, and ultimately decide the war. It may be that further aggression is being shunned now by Germany for the very purpose of strengthening the Nazi grip upon the continent to forestall just such a development.

So, whereas the ability of England to wage a long defensive war looks better today than it did a month ago, it is our opinion that before England can take the offensive with hopes of gaining a decision, she will have to find allies in the Balkans, in Russia or in internal revolution in Nazi-occupied countries.

The role of the United States in such a situation should still be one of preparation, non-involving aid to Britain, and of watchful waiting.

POLITICAL ODDITIES

Political oddities add to the fascination of interest in public affairs. It is no longer a rarity to find the political enemies of today become the political allies of tomorrow! The game of politics makes strange bedfellows. We recall early in 1935 hearing Governor A. B. Chandler, of Kentucky, deliver a stirring address after Senator Alban Barkley had defeated him for election to the United States, and we felt safe in predicting that here were two men who bore no love for each other. Yet, shortly thereafter, by a twist of fate, Chandler went to the United States Senate upon the death of Senator Logan. And in Washington, Chandler and Barkley apparently became great friends! It was rumored that at the recent Chicago national Democratic convention, Chandler was boosting Barkley as a candidate for the vice-presidential nomination! We are glad to record that these two men were "big enough" to forget their differences. In politics, you simply cannot hold grudges against those who oppose you today, for tomorrow you may find an entirely different line-up.

However, we note one of the oddist of political oddities . . . for the formal ceremonies notifying Henry A. Wallace that he had been chosen as Democratic vice-presidential nominee, to be held at Des Moines, the person selected to notify Wallace of his nomination was none other than Speaker Bankhead, the man who opposed Wallace as a rival candidate at the Chicago convention! Bankhead found that he was very busy in Washington and couldn't make the notification speech, and designated Congressman Jones, of Texas, as his substitute. Now, those who know that he is a "good sport" and holds no political grudges, but is did appear as "rubbing it in" to have asked him to make the notification address for his erstwhile opponent.

Thus goes the strange game of politics. Watch it long enough, and you will see all sorts of chjnmenie.

Roosevelt not to make long swing about country campaigning for re-election, but to inspect progress of national defense program at scattered points.

Fred McWane, of Lynchburg, opposing Congressman Clifton Woodrum for re-election in the sixth district.

Claims one purpose of nightly air raids is to keep factory workers up all night and thus damage their efficiency in war plants.

Willkie to make next campaign speech in Kansas.

Senator Byrd urges immediate action on draft legislation.

Rumor Germany has perfected a dangerous thermite bomb, which explodes in air and showers a rain of fire over large area.

Greek government calls up reserves and indicates that it will fight if attacked.

Willkie says there should be a Secretary of Air in the President's cabinet.

Mail, news and broadcasts to the United States from foreign countries is rigidly censored.

New York Yankees making a bid for American league pennant.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Dean of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

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Lesson for September 1

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PRAISING GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS

LESSON TEXT—Psalm 103:1-5, 10-18.
GOLDEN TEXT—Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.—Psalm 103:2.

We live in difficult and confusing days with much on every hand to discourage us. We look about us in vain for any encouraging sign. The result is that unless we exercise care the temptation will overtake us who are Christians to fall into the bitter, complaining attitude of the world, forgetting the benefits which God has bestowed upon us, forgetting His mercy and grace, and, in this hour of trial, telling the world by our life, if not our lips, that we have lost our faith in God.

It is easy to praise God when all goes well, when we see His blessing upon us; but the Christian should recognize that praise is a vital part of his daily fellowship with God, an expression of his appreciation of all that God is and does for him. Psalm 103 has in all generations been a favorite of Christian people when passing through deep waters and fiery trials.

I. Praise for Personal Blessings (vv. 1-5).

Our relationship to God is a personal one, and His blessings are personal. Praise also is a personal exercise to which we need often to stir ourselves. We need to call on "all that is within" us to bless and praise the Lord.

"Forget not"—how prone we are to do that very thing. We remember the things we ought to forget and forget the things we ought to remember. We have become so accustomed to the many blessings of God that we accept them as a matter of course.

Note that the chief of all blessings is the forgiveness of sin (v. 3). The spiritual is far more important than the physical, but that too is included. Only God can heal our diseases, whether by means or by direct intervention. He also meets with true satisfaction every right and normal desire of man, whether it be physical, social, mental or spiritual. That calls for praise from the depths of our beings.

II. Praise for Forgiveness of Sin (vv. 10-14).

We may "put on a front" when we deal with our fellow men, but there is no use in thus trying to fool God. He knows us for what we are—"frail children of dust, and feeble as frail." We are not able to meet our own little problems; how can we do anything with the sin question?

The mercy of God, high as the heavens, is revealed nowhere in such overflowing measure as in His dealing with the sins of "them that fear him" (v. 13). For them He has the pity of a father, but He has the power to cast our sins as far from us as the east is from the west, and how far that is no one knows.

Observe that His mercy is only for "them that fear Him." "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble" (James 4:6, I Pet. 5:5, 7). Whosoever will may come and receive of Him abundant pardon. Why not come now?

III. Praise for Everlasting Lovingkindness (vv. 15-18).

Man and everything that man makes or does is transient, and will one day pass away. What a fool that man is who lives only for the things of this world which are destined to wither like the grass! How tragic to come into eternity and to face God empty handed and condemned for one's own selfishness and folly, when He is willing to show unto us that "loving-kindness" which is not only for this life, but also for the life that is to come.

As we praise God for this great and blessed gift, shall we not be moved to go out and seek to win others to Him?

In closing this brief study of the One Hundred Third Psalm may we carry with us that in these bitter days which so sorely try the hearts of men, we lift our souls up to a high spiritual plane by praising God. When Hardley Page was making a flight through the Orient a large rat was attracted by the smell of food and entered into the airplane. Later, when Mr. Page was in mid-air over a mountainous country where great rocks stand, he suddenly heard the sound of gnawing behind him. He knew that the rat might so damage the plane as to cause disaster. Then he remembered that a rat is not made for high altitudes. So he began to soar. Soon the gnawing ceased and hours later when his machine landed he found the rat lying dead beneath the engine. It is a blessed truth that Satan cannot endure the high altitudes of praise. He quickly departs from the soul whom he finds rejoicing in this high and lofty spiritual atmosphere. "Try praise," for "praise changes things."

Farm Security Administra Names Local Commi

Funds for this program are provided by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in a $50,000,000 loan to the Farm Security Administration. Loans are made for periods up to 40 years with interest at three per cent. The prospective borrower may pick out his own farm, which must then be appraised and approved by FSA and the committee. Any Appomatox County land owner who has farm land for sale may register it with the FSA office for consideration under this program.

The FSA loan for the purchase of these farms may also provide for improvements to land and buildings, including sanitation facilities.

When a loan is made, the FSA farm and home management supervisors and the new owner work out a plan for the operation of the farm, a plan which is aimed at providing a living for the family through a sound subsistence and livestock program, and at conservation of the soil and water resources.

"The tenant purchase program is real democracy a work," said Mr. Adams. "At a time when property rights and human rights are being destroyed in other parts of the world, America is going ahead with a program for creating more property owners and giving more people a real stake in society. This pro-

gram means making changing power and rural economy. Farms are taken out farms are taken "Any farm loans ers who are unable ers should apply at fices in Amherst, in touch with you

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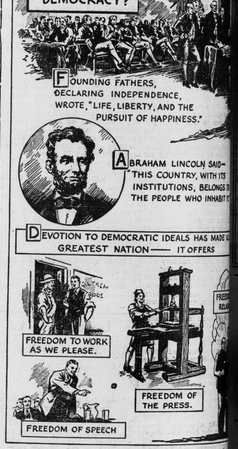
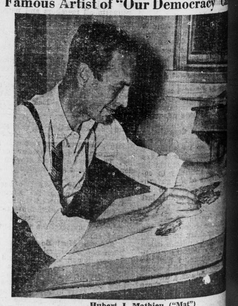


Famous Artist of "Our Democracy" Cartoon



Hubert J. Mathieu ("Mat")

Hubert J. Mathieu, who draws the "Our Democracy" cartoon series, has been nationally known for years as an illustrator of stories and serials in such magazines as the Saturday Evening Post, Colliers, Ladies Home Journal, McCalls, Cosmopolitan.

Mr. Mathieu's first paid job was as a farm hand, and he owns and lives on a farm today. Born in Brookings, S. D., the son of the late Hubert B. Mathieu, dean of South Dakota State College at Brookings, the artist worked as a boy on nearby farms. He graduated from South Dakota State College in 1919. In his years of success he has gone back to the land. He owns and lives on 150 acres in Bucks County, Pa. The farm which this year has 30 acres in wheat and 15 in hay and truck, is operated by Mathieu by his own shares. Mr. Mathieu and both him and the wife

The series of cartoon racy" scheduled to this paper. Mr. Mathieu on his farm and paints in New York, where graph above was taken Mr. Mathieu is of mixed tion stock, of French Irish ancestry. He is four children.

His uncle, Oscar E. Mathieu, is agronomist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, at Washington.

Appomattox Personals

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bialr will [illegible] Cumberland on September [illegible]. Blair has been made [illegible]ent. It is understood that [illegible] Mrs. Alfred Price will [illegible] the Blair residence in Hill-

Mr. LeGrand spent the week- Ned LeGrand, in Gaithers-

Robert Llye Carter, of Roan spending this week with her Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Le-

Miss Lucile Crulle, of Charlottes will spend Labor Day at her

Mrs. and Mrs. Joe Burroughs, of [illegible], spent several days this [illegible] with her aunt, Mrs. L. W. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Carter. Miss Hilda Carter and Charlie Carter accompanied them to Lynchburg Tuesday evening to visit relatives.

Miss Josephine Jenkins, of Washington is visiting her parents here.

Lawrence Moore, of Washington, spent Thursday and Friday of last week in Appomattox.

Calhoun Moore, of Richmond, was home for the week-end.

Richard Leigh Burke, of Blacksburg was here for the week-end.

Mrs. Ben F. Saunders Jr. spent the week-end in Richmond. She was accompanied home Sunday by Mr. Saunders, who is spending this week here.

Miss Elizabeth LeGrand will leave the first of September for Surry, where she has accepted a position as home economics teacher.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Thompson, of Petersburg, visited friends in Appomattox this week.

The Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Robinson, of Syringa, spent several days this week in Appomatox with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson.

Judge and Mrs. J. W. Flood and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson motored to Buena Vista Saturday.

Marvin Godsey is spending his vacation in Roxboro, N. C.

Lieutenant Joseph O'Brien, of Richmond, was home last week-end.

Miss Dorothy Lee Johnson is visiting in Roxboro, N. C.

Mrs. Ola Patteson, Mrs. Calvin Robinson, LeFern Doss, Barbara Ann Johnson and Mrs. Lucy and Mrs. B. F. Robinson were dinner guests of Mrs. G. J. Johnson in Lynchburg Tuesday.

Schools here will open on September 12th.

There will be an important meeting of the P.T.A. Tuesday afternoon in the school library room. A full attendance is desired.

Miss Harriett Holley has returned from a trip to Washington and Williamsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Rogers and daughter, Patricia are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers.

Miss Rebecca Hendrick and Sam Lee spent Sunday at his home here.

Mrs. C. W. Potts, of Richmond spent the week-end here with Mrs. Lottie Bledsoe.

Miss Virginia Twyman is visiting relatives in Roanoke.

Miss Katherine Burge is spending this week in Roanoke.

Don Moses Jr. is visiting Fred Roth in Philadelphia.

We regret to hear that Mrs. T. E. Owen is sick.

Mrs. W. L. Fleshman and Mrs. James Thaxton and daughter, Sally, of Huntington, W. Va., visited Mrs. George Perdum this week. They were en route to Virginia Beach for a three week's stay.

Mrs. T. E. Trent is visiting Mrs. H. A Cochran, in Connecticut.

Robert Hubbard and A.R. Harwood, Jr., plan to leave Sunday for a trip to New York.

Mrs. D. B. Henderson and daughter, Peggy, who have been spending some time here with Mrs. S. L. Ferguson, will leave Sunday for their home in Richmond.

Miss Betty Covington, of Winston Salem, is visiting Mrs. James B. Abbitt.

J.F. Harvey, of Portsmouth, is spending his vacation here.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Gill and daughters are visiting relatives at Wicoma Church.

Mrs. C. R. Rexrode, of Clifton Fore, was a recent visitor here.

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight at 6:30, with the local baseball team as special guests.

Mrs. Ola Patteson, Mrs. G. L. Doss and daughter and Barbara Ann Johnson, spent today at Buckingham Court House.

Miss Ella Smith, R. B. Hudgins and J. F. Blair are in Blacksburg, attending an Extension Division meeting.

There was a meeting of county agricultural committeemen here on Tuesday night at the court house.

The town council meets on Monday night.

Revival services have been announced for next week at Memorial Methodist church.

Clashes between Russia and Rumania along border cause Axis powers to rush their ace diplomats to quell the disturbance.

Senate passes the draft bill.

Some hail damage was done in the county yesterday afternoon.

Senator Hiram Johnson wins renomination in California.

Willkie says he does not want the support of Father Coughlin.

Appomat ox merchants handle a great volume of country produce.

Roosevelt says America has large number of planes "on order."

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Christian Scout Initiation Program

The Christian Scouts held their initiation program Sunday night at the Baptist church. The church was appropriately decorated in white crepe paper and cut flowers. The service was held by candle light. All Scouts were dressed in white, and after each Scout was initiated she was given her insignia to be worn on her uniform, and the officers, captain, lieutenant, secretary, treasurer and reporter were given a stripe to be worn on their uniforms to distinguish them from the other Scouts. There were ten who took part in this program. After the initiation ceremony the Scouts presented several drills, which included a song and several choruses.

GIRL SCOUTS

The meeting of the Spout Spring Girl Scouts was held Saturday at the Baptist church. Prayer by captain Hazel Moon. Bible stories by Hazel and Margaret Moon, Mildred and Jack Cyrus, Mae Webb, Florence Layne. We will meet again the following Saturday at the Baptist church. Refreshments were served.

—Reporter, Frances Martin.

Government to call up National Guard for a year's service.

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Attend some church each Sunday.

New Conservation Committee To Meet

The new county Agricultural Conservation committee will have its first meeting here tonight.

Entertained At Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. D. A Conner entertained at dinner Saturday night in compliment to a number of their friends: Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Coleman, of Oak Hill, W Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wilkerson, of Bristol, Va. Low arrangements of fall flowers in bright colors were used on the dining table. In addition to the hosts and honorees, other guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Colefan, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Joel W. Coleman and Donald Webb, of Hixburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Wit Coleman, of Evergreen.

Phone 30 with Personals.

State Senator Tuck addressed local Young Democrats last Friday at Holiday Lake.

COLORED DOTS

The general public is invited to attend the regular quarterly meeting of the deacons and ministers union of Appomattox and vicinity at the Carver high school Sunday at 2 P.M. The union at this meeting will present the Royal Jubilee Singers of Roanoke, in a special program. All churches in the county are asked to be represented.

A large crowd attended the all-day revival service at the First Baptist church last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Marshall preached at the morning service and the Rev. Percy Harvey, of Lynchburg preached at the afternoon services and is conducting the service through the week. Dinner was served. The offering during the day was very good.

A large crowd is attending the annual revival service at the Promise Land church. Rev. H. D. Clark of Morristown, N. J. is the guest speaker.

A special social will be held at the Carver high school on Friday night, September 6, beginning at 8:30, for the benefit of the library. Special music will be rendered. Refreshments will be on sale. The general public is invited.

Mrs. R. Q. Lawing is spending a few days at home with her father and relatives.

Mrs. D. B. Delaney and son, and professor McKinley Robinson and Miss Mary Lizzie Scruggs and brother are spending some time at the fair in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Patterson and children are spending their vacation here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Viola Hawks and family left Wednesday for their home in New York.

Rev. P. W. Price is conducting a week's revival at the Bethesda Baptist church in Petersburg.

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